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Tim Haines, Warden

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ACRONYMS

ADA	- Americans with Disabilities Act	HSED	- High School Equivalency Diploma
AHA	- American Heart Association	HSU	- Health Services Unit
AODA	- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Treatment Program	ICRS	- Inmate Complaint Review System
CGIP	- Cognitive Intervention Program	LTE	- Limited Term Employment
DAI	- Division of Adult Institutions	OSHA	- Occupational Safety & Health Administration
DOC	- Department of Corrections	PDCI	- Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution
DMV	- Department of Motor Vehicles	SWTC	- Southwestern Wisconsin Technical College (Fennimore, WI)
ERP	- Earned Release Program	T4C	- Thinking for a Change
FY17	- Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)	UW	- University of Wisconsin
GED	- General Education Diploma	WSPF	- Wisconsin Secure Program Facility



MESSAGE FROM WARDEN HAINES

As the Warden of Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution (PDCI) it is my privilege to present the Annual Report for fiscal year 2017. Since our opening in 1997, PDCI has continued to work towards maintaining a secure and safe environment for our staff, inmates and volunteers as well as equip the men in our charge to be successful upon transfer or release. We continuously strive to work with our community partners and to be a “good neighbor” to our surrounding area.

2017 has once again proven to be a year marked with noticeable changes at the facility. We are proud of our strong partnerships with Southwest Technical College and UW- Platteville and the work we do with those organizations. This year we started a relationship and partnership with the Coulee Region Humane Society (CRHS). CRHS identifies canines that could use some extra obedience or socialization training. PDCI staff have worked hard to make this a winning proposition for inmates, the animals and the general public.

Each department at PDCI has made significant contributions to the orderly and safe operations at the facility and in the surrounding community. It’s been another amazing year of overcoming challenges to accomplish the many things we have done.

We have only highlighted a few events that have occurred at PDCI this past fiscal year. As you read this report, you will find there are many more diverse operations that take place at PDCI. Professionalism, teamwork, and collaboration of staff are key contributors to PDCI’s many accomplishments and successes. Staff continue to take great pride in the institution as we set a high standard for ourselves. I continue to be very proud of the staff and the work we do!

Tim Haines

Warden

INSTITUTION PROFILE

Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution

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PURPOSE

The Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution (PDCI) is operated as a medium-security facility for adult male offenders. The basic purpose and objectives of the institution are:

- Protect the public, our staff and those in our charge.
- Provide opportunities for positive change and success.
- Promote, inform, and educate others about our programs and successes.
- Partner and collaborate with community service providers and other criminal justice entities.

HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

A railroad hotel was built on the current PDCI grounds in 1857 and was known as the Brisbois House. It was later used as a hospital for soldiers for a year during the Civil War and housed approximately 300 soldiers. The hotel closed a few years later. Local citizens established the Prairie du Chien College on the site in 1866. The property was bought by Mr. John Lawler of Prairie du Chien in 1867 and the Prairie du Chien College closed in 1869. The property was turned over in 1871 by Mr. Lawler to the Christian Brothers, who opened St. John's College. St. John's College closed in 1876 and the property was reverted back to Mr. Lawler.

In 1880, the property was formally deeded to the Jesuits who opened Sacred Heart College and received a State of Wisconsin Charter in 1881. The school was closed to students in 1888 and used as a Novitiate and House of Studies of the Order by the Jesuits from 1888 to 1898 when it was reopened as a high school and college for boys.

In 1907, the Missouri Province took over the college and in 1909, Campion Hall was built and the name of the college was changed to Campion College of the Sacred Heart in 1913. In 1925, the college department was closed and Campion Jesuit High School officially started on the grounds. Campion was not completely a military school, though was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.). The military program was headed by a Captain, a graduate of West Point and a Sergeant of the US Army. The boys that attended Campion were trained in physical, intellectual, moral and military development. Students from all parts of the United States came to Campion. A few of the present-day buildings at PDCI were erected prior to Campion's reign; however, the majority of the buildings were built between 1936 and 1970. Campion Jesuit High School closed in 1975 and the campus sold to the Wisconsin Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1976 for \$2.8 million. The facility reopened as Martin Luther Preparatory School in 1978 and closed in 1994.

The State of Wisconsin purchased this facility in 1995 for \$2.5 million to be used as a Secured Juvenile Facility for non-assaultive male youthful offenders. The purchase included 21 buildings on 60 acres of land. Due to the decreases in juvenile offender population throughout the Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC), the Legislature in 1997 passed Senate Bill 113, authorizing the Department of Corrections (DOC) to temporarily utilize this facility for the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI). The DJC contracted 302 beds at PDCI to the DAI to serve as a medium-security correctional institution for male youthful offenders with adult sentences in the age range of 15 to 21 years.

Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution became operational on July 3, 1997. As of July 1, 2003, PDCI transferred from the Division of Juvenile Offenders to the Division of Adult Institutions. Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution continues to operate as a medium-security correctional facility within the Division of Adult Institutions.

INSTITUTION FACTS

INSTITUTION PROFILE:

Date Institution Opened	July 3, 1997
Security Level	Medium
Operating Capacity	512
Current Population	513
Correctional Officers/Sergeants	110
Non-uniform staff/Security Supervisors	86
Inmate to staff ratio	Approx. 2.6 inmates / staff
Number of acres	55.5
Operating Budget	\$15,926,566.00
Amount collected from inmates for:	
Restitution	\$44,438.64
Child support	\$9,672.71
Victim Witness (A & B)	\$11,717.81
DNA Surcharge	\$11,890.46
Medical co-pay	\$3,967.37

PROGRAMS:

PROGRAM	# OF INMATES PARTICIPATED	# OF INMATES COMPLETED
Education		
High School Equivalency Diploma HSED	404	45
SWTC General Education Credits	297	264
SWTC Bricklaying Diploma	30	4
SWTC Bricklaying Certificate	30	14
OSHA Certified Forklift Training	309	287
Work		
Inmates Employed in the Institution	134 FT/51 PT	NA
Treatment		
Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Treatment	57	75
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	82	132
Parenting	12	9
Victim Impact Program	13	10
Restorative Justice	153	151
Domestic Violence	16	12



INSTITUTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- ◆ The WAGS program was initiated in cooperation with the Coulee Region Humane Society. Dogs in need of additional training live on the housing unit with inmate trainers who work with them on skills needed to be adopted.
- ◆ Installed 7 kiosks in March of 2017, to allow inmates to connect with their family and friends through e-mail. From March, 2017 through June 30, 2017, PDCI staff processed 18,869 kiosk messages.
- ◆ 45 inmates earned their GED/HSED diplomas. Inmates earned 297 credits through Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC).
- ◆ 18 inmates earned Bricklaying/Masonry Certificates and Diplomas through SWTC.
- ◆ Food Service served 582,113 meals at an average price of \$1.01 per meal. A reduced food budget was met with over \$6,000 in surplus.
- ◆ Total garden produce for 2016 was 13,719 pounds.
- ◆ 343 inmates were trained in American Heart Association (AHA) First Aid and 68 inmates paid a \$10 fee and were trained in AHA CPR.
- ◆ PDCI successfully implemented an Earned Release Program (ERP). The first group of 10 inmates started the 20-week program in January 2017. Twenty inmates completed ERP in FY17.
- ◆ Reentry Fair hosted 18 booths/resources, and 190 inmates attended. In addition, four reentry simulations were held with a total of 222 inmates participating.
- ◆ 5th annual Veteran's 5-mile Run/Walk raised \$181.56 which was donated toward a Veteran's memorial. Inmates made a donation in order to participate in the event, which was preceded by a flag raising ceremony. Eighty-eight inmates elected to participate in the event.
- ◆ Food Service provided two picnics/institution cookouts for inmates and staff during the summer.
- ◆ 102 inmate appointments at local Division of Motor Vehicles completed for license permits, renewals, reinstatements and IDs. 8 free inmate ID card requests were completed through DMV/DOC project.
- ◆ Jennifer Melgosa and Martha Bartz were selected to receive a 2017 Crime Victim Services Award at the WIDOC National Crime Victims Rights Week Recognition Event in April at Central Office, Madison.
- ◆ Nine institution tours followed by Choices Panel question and answer sessions provided for local colleges and an alternative school (218 students).
- ◆ The Community Service Program accepted fabric and yarn from local churches, the local Community Action Program and the Madison Knitters Guild. Almost 3600 inmate hours were spent turning fabric and yarn into stuffed animals, pillows, quilts/afghans, and hat/scarf sets that were in turn donated to a variety of local non-profit organizations and fundraisers.
- ◆ \$1,846 was raised through various inmate fundraisers and donated to local charitable organizations, including Salvation Army, Crawford County Veteran's Services, Special Olympics, Heart and Cancer Telethon, Girl Scouts, PDC Skate Park, PDC Police K-9 Unit and River and Bluffs Animal Shelter.
- ◆ The PDCI Project Crew completed over 4,100 hours of service for local parks, city and county government projects and local non-profit organizations.
- ◆ The following vital documents were obtained for inmates: 90 birth certificates and 236 Social Security cards.
- ◆ A certified yoga instructor began volunteering at the institution providing classes for inmates.
- ◆ PDCI again collaborated with UW-Platteville to provide three separate Restorative Justice programs to over 150 inmates; in addition, criminal justice students volunteered extra time to provide garden classes with a Restorative Justice theme to over 40 inmates.
- ◆ Murals and inspirational quotes were painted on all units in South Housing as well as name plaques added to the wall outside inmate rooms.

INSTITUTION CONTACTS

Institution Primary Phone Number: (608) 326-7828

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COORDINATORS

- ♦ Program Supervisor Lisa Pettera - ext. 2400
- ♦ Institution Complaint Examiner Mandy Mathson - ext. 2005

COMPAS COORDINATOR

- ♦ Social Worker Brandie Wagner - ext. 2523

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) COORDINATOR

- ♦ Teacher Carolyn Klema - ext. 2602

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) COORDINATOR

- ♦ Security Director Kevin Semanko - ext. 2300

STAFFING AND DEPARTMENTS

Warden's Office

Warden (1)
Deputy Warden (1)
Secretary-Confidential (1)
Institution Complaint Examiner (1)

Human Resources

Human Resources Director (1)
Human Resources Assistant (1)
Payroll & Benefits Specialist (1)

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Correctional Management Services Director (1)
Financial Program Supervisor (1)
Financial Specialist (1)
Financial Specialist Sr. (2)
Inventory Control Coordinator (1)
Building and Grounds Superintendent (1)
Electronics Technician Security Senior (1)
Facilities Maintenance Spec Adv. (2)
Facility Repair Worker Adv. (2)
Facility Repair Worker Adv. LTE (1)
Plumber (1)
Power Plant Operator Senior (5)
Power Plant Operator Senior LTE (1)
Food Service Administrator (1)
Food Service Leader 3 (1)
Food Service Leader 2 (5)
Food Service Leader 2 LTE (.50)

HOUSING UNITS

Corrections Unit Supervisor (2)
Social Workers (5)

EDUCATION

Education Director (1) (shared with WSPF)
Librarian (1)
Office Operations Assistant (1)
Teachers (11) (3 Vocational, 1 Title I,
7 Academic and Re-Entry)

SECURITY

Corrections Security Director (1)
Program Assistant Confidential (1)
Supervising Officer 1 (5)
Supervising Officer 2 (7)
Correctional Officers (70)
Correctional Officers LTE (.50)
Correctional Sergeants (40)

PROGRAM SERVICES

Corrections Program Supervisor (1)
Chaplain (1)
Recreation Leaders (2)
Social Workers (3)
Treatment Specialist (2)

RECORDS

Offender Records Supervisor (1)
Corrections Sentencing Associate—Senior (1)
Program Assistant Confidential (1)

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

BOCM (Non-PDCI employee)
Offender Classification Specialist (1)
Operations Program Associate A (1)

HEALTH SERVICES UNIT (HSU)

Nursing Supervisor (1)
Medical Program Assistant Associate (1)
Nurse Clinician 2 (3.5)
Nurse Clinician 2 LTE (.50)
BHS Non-PDCI employee
Physician (.60)
Dentist (.50)
Dental Assistant (.80)
Dental Hygienist LTE (.20)
Psychiatrist LTE (.20)
Optometrist (.05)
Dentist LTE (.20)
Physical Therapist LTE (.20)
Occupational Therapist LTE (.20)

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES UNIT

Psychological Consultant LTE (1) (shared with WSPF)
Psychological Associate (1)

SOUTHWEST WI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Education Contract Employee via Windows to Work Grant (1)

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING

The Education and Program Departments provide a safe learning environment that encourages students to meet high academic standards, develop life-long learning and vocational skills, take responsibility for themselves and their actions, and become productive members of society.

AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) Treatment Program

PDCI's 16-week AODA Residential Treatment Program uses the "New Freedom" curriculum to provide 4-6 hours of direct service per day, along with assigned homework. Treatment addresses dependency, decision making, problem-solving, identifying use triggers, and developing a use prevention plan. The PDCI program is offered to inmates within 2 years of their release date – typically inmates complete the program about 12-16 months prior to their expected release, which allows for transfer to a work-release facility.

Earned Release Program (ERP)

PDCI started an Earned Release Program (ERP) with four staff in FY17; the first two groups completed the 20 week program by the end of June (and 20 men released early). ERP is driven by WI Statutes 302.05; it allows select inmates an opportunity to earn early release from incarceration by completing treatment – their remaining confinement time is then served under extended supervision. ERP utilizes two core curriculums: Thinking for a Change and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse. Social skills, problem solving, decision making, anger management, parenting, employability, family reunification and restorative justice are also included.

Thinking for a Change (T4C)

There are 24 PDCI staff trained in T4C (social workers, security officers, supervisors and the chaplain). T4C is a research-based skills program, which encourages the inmate to change personal beliefs, attitudes, and thinking patterns associated with criminal/ dysfunctional behavior. The program targets inmates who are repeat offenders or probation/parole violators, those who have a history of violence or who show poor institutional adjustment (includes unmotivated, anti-social, impulsive, non-reflective, deny problems or demonstrate poor problem solving skills or poor social interaction). Activity includes role play scenarios and homework.

Domestic Violence

The 16-week, cognitive-based curriculum targets inmates with a history of domestic violence. Activity includes role playing scenarios and homework. Participants are expected to develop an awareness of their personal triggers, identify their beliefs, values, and the thinking patterns that lead to their abuse. In addition, inmates learn about the three phases of abuse, as well as the power and control wheel.

Parenting Programs

Parenting provides inmates with an opportunity to improve themselves as fathers, and perhaps help their children avoid following in their footsteps. It takes fathers through children's developmental stages as well as a gamut of good parenting techniques. Guest speakers provide additional information about parenting skills, as well health and reproductive issues.

Mindfulness

Volunteers with the Prison Mindfulness Project provide inmates with training, which emphasizes breathing and relaxation techniques. A growing body of research indicates Mindfulness techniques can help reduce anxiety, depression, and reactive behavior in stressful and high-risk situations. Other positive, measurable outcomes include improved sleep and strengthened immunity. Positive results have been reported in medical facilities, schools, and prisons and the evidence of effectiveness is growing.

The intent is to offer inmates strategies for moving toward greater mental stability, reduced reactivity/impulsivity, and reduction in counter-productive behaviors, resulting in increased completion of other programming. Specific goals include decreasing frequency of conduct reports and violent behaviors. Most PDCI inmates who participate report positive results.

Visitation

PDCI recognizes the importance, on many different levels, for inmates to maintain relationships with family and friends throughout their incarceration. The visiting area is staffed and maintained five times per week to allow inmates to meet with approved friends/family members. The visitation program has been designed to provide the utmost safety for visitors, inmates and staff.

A total of 2313 inmate visits took place in FY17. An average of 193 visits took place per month with 3638 adults and 944 children entering PDCI to visit inmates.

In addition, video visiting is provided through Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (MSDF). Visits are pre-scheduled and take place through video conference equipment. Families in the Milwaukee area unable to travel across the state are provided an opportunity for a brief visual chat with their loved ones incarcerated at PDCI.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

PDCI is committed to being a “good neighbor” to the surrounding communities. Our Community Relations Board was formed with local community representatives to provide a forum for regular discussion of pertinent issues that may impact the institution and its neighbors. Members are comprised of a diverse group of volunteers from the local community, with meetings held three times a year. Meetings are held at PDCI, Prairie du Chien City Hall and the Prairie du Chien High School.

INMATE COMPLAINT REVIEW SYSTEM

The Inmate Complaint Review System provides inmates with an opportunity to raise grievances in an orderly fashion, to have policies explained or clarified, and to have grievances investigated by impartial staff. The ICRS process also serves to assess the institution climate. During FY17, 677 inmate complaints were reviewed. Of these complaints, 147 were affirmed, 370 were dismissed, 160 were rejected. An additional 219 were returned.

FOOD SERVICE

A total of 582,113 meals were served in FY17 by the Food Service department including general menus, religious menus and medical diets. The department continues to operate a complete scratch cooking kitchen and bakery with large inmate turnover. The Food Service department provides supervision for the garden and compost projects. All of the bedding plants used in the garden were started at the institution. A total of 13,719 pounds of produce was grown in 2016 and all was used by the institution. A computer log system was created to assist with tracking searches of inmate kitchen workers. Food Service provided hospitality carts and meals for area DOC training, meetings and ERU.

RECORDS OFFICE

The PDCI Records Office calculates sentence information and maintains all social service and legal documentation for inmates. During FY17, PDCI processed 152 releases - an average of 12 per month. An average of 37 intakes were processed each month for a yearly total of 446.

SECURITY

The mission of the Security Department is to protect the public, staff, inmates, and property of the Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution. Security staff, in coordination with programming staff, are responsible for scheduling volunteer work crews for several non-profit community organizations. Security personnel are also responsible for the day to day operation of the facility to include: inmate housing and living conditions, searches of inmates and their property, movement and transportation of inmates, receiving and processing of inmate mail and property, supervising inmate work details, co-facilitating rehabilitative evidence-based programming, scheduling and supervision of community service projects, and coordinating with program staff to assist inmates in obtaining necessary documentation including driver's license, social security cards and birth certificates to prepare for reentry into the community. Security personnel also respond to security emergencies that may arise and usually they are the first responder for a variety of medical emergencies. During FY17, a total of 1644 conduct reports were processed. Of these, 335 were majors, 1309 were minors and 79 were appealed to the Warden. In March of 2017, PDCI installed seven kiosks to allow inmates to connect with their family and friends through e-mail. The kiosk system provides a nice resource for the inmates but also affords a secondary benefit of being utilized as an investigative tool. From March of 2017 through June 30, 2017, PDCI staff processed 18,869 kiosk messages.

HEALTH SERVICES UNIT

The PDCI Health Services Unit continually strives to execute the mission of the Department of Corrections, Bureau of Health Services: "The administration and provision of health care, health education and preventative care for the DOC consistent with professional, community and correctional health care standards." The Health Services Unit (HSU) has 3.5 FTE RN and a 0.5 RN LTE, scheduled to fill Monday – Friday shifts from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 PM. When HSU staff is not on-site, PDCI staff may contact the on-call nurse and the nurse may contact the on-call Physician, as needed. HSU has a full-time Nursing Supervisor and a Medical Program Assistant Associate. Two dentists were hired to help alleviate a wait list for routine dental care. Health Service staff have assisted at WSPF due to their low staffing. A nursing student from Viterbo University fulfilled a portion of his community classes within PDCI HSU, following guidelines set by the college.

Health Services meets with inmates for a variety of medical issues, such as diabetes, asthma, infectious diseases, etc. to monitor the effectiveness of their established treatment programs and provide education on the importance of compliance with the treatment plan to maintain healthy life styles, especially when they are discharged home. On-site services begin with triaging Health Service Request slips, filling medication requests, scheduling sick calls, patient assessments, assisting the physician, dentist, optometrist, and psychiatrist/psychologist, as needed. HSU attends the Multi-disciplinary team meetings held weekly to discuss issues as they arise, for such concerns as hunger strikes, self-harm, inappropriate behavior, etc., following HIPAA Guidelines. Local health care facilities are utilized for emergency services, occasional X-Rays, CT and MRI Scans. Comprehensive Specialty Services are provided at UW-Madison and Gundersen Health System in La Crosse and Onalaska.

The following medical services are available to offenders at PDCI:

Physician
Ambulance and Emergency Care Services
Pharmacy Services
Minor Surgery
EKG's
Chronic Condition Monitoring
Telemedicine

Nursing
Dental Services
Lab Services
Pulmonary Function Test - Spirometry
Medical Record Review
Coordination of off-site medical/dental services
TB and Vaccination Clinics

Medical Providers, Hours Per Week:

DOC Employees:

Dentist, 20 hours
Dental Assistant, 4 days
Physician, 24 hours

Contracted Services:

MobileX – provides X-Rays & Ultrasounds, weekly
UW Hepatology completes Fibro Scans, bi-monthly

Limited Term Employees:

RN LTE, 20 hours
Dentist LTE, 8 hours
Dental Hygienist LTE, 8 hours
Physical Therapist LTE, 8 hours
Occupational Therapist LTE, 8 hours
Psychiatrist LTE, 8 hours
Optometrist LTE, monthly

FY 17 Health Services Unit statistics:

1401 Doctor visits
480 Dental visits
649 Psychiatrist visits
478 Off-site visits
57 Emergency Room visits
282 Occupational Therapy visits

7588 Nursing visits
341 Dental Hygienist visits
147 Optometry visits
24 Off-site admissions
299 Physical Therapy visits
39 Fibro Scans

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE EFFORTS

Choices Program

In conjunction with DOC's restorative justice initiative, PDCI sponsors *Choices* for young men, ages 12 – 25; it was designed through a collaboration with local agencies to serve Southwest Wisconsin. It is a free resource for agencies working with youth who need to make better decisions; the intent is to encourage youth to seek and accept help in making better choices, recognize all of their options, and avoid criminal behavior.

The first panel was held in May of 2003. More than 500 inmates have applied since its inception; only 149 have been selected. About 15 members are active at any time; they remain active until release or transfer from the institution. In FY17, the *Choices* panel met with 5 young men from county juvenile services and a middle school.

The program also serves as an educational tool for local high school and college criminal justice classes. In FY17, the *Choices* panel presented for 218 Criminal Justice and Sociology students from Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC), Luther College (Decorah, IA), Loras College (Dubuque, IA), UW-Platteville and an alternative high school from La Crosse. Students get an opportunity to question inmates on criminal activity, court involvement, prison life, motivations, families, and future plans.

Victim Impact Program

PDCI's Victim Impact Program started in March 2000, and was adapted from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the California Youth Authority model. The program aims to enlighten offenders on the profound effect their actions have on victims, communities and their own families. Victims are invited to share their experience.

Restorative Justice Month / Victims' Rights Awareness Week

For the past several years, PDCI has teamed with the UWP Victimology and Restorative Justice class to provide programming during Restorative Justice Month in November and Victims' Rights Awareness Week (NVRWW) in April. Programs consist of circle discussions led by UW students, an apology seminar and a community service project.

153 inmates signed up to participate in one of three programs, along with more than 20 UW students each semester. One day of each program consisted of inmates creating almost 40 'tie' blankets that were donated to the Grant County Social Services foster care and domestic violence programs and the local police department.

In addition, several student volunteers provided a 12-week Restorative Justice gardening class during the Spring and Fall semesters; 20+ inmates signed up for each program. The curriculum combines community gardening and Restorative Justice concepts with a focus on service opportunities for men who have burned many bridges and whose volunteer efforts might not always be welcome. With a little basic knowledge, an offender's labor might be appreciated within a community garden.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are one of PDCI's most valuable assets. Their example as successful, law-abiding citizens is invaluable in providing inmates with appropriate pro-social role models. PDCI serves inmates with diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds and most religious services are provided by volunteers. The Chaplain continually recruits new volunteers to meet the needs of this varied population and serves as the primary staff advisor. All PDCI volunteers are carefully screened prior to approval; they receive orientation and training prior to inmate contact.

During FY17 inmates attended approximately 3,462 hours of volunteer-led service/study and special events. 13,986 inmates attended 2,880 volunteer-led events. Volunteers provided approximately 1,584 hours of individual pastoral visits to inmates. Volunteers are also active throughout our education and program departments in a variety of roles.

PDCI has collaborated with UW Platteville's Criminal Justice staff and students to provide Restorative Justice programming for inmates. Several students each semester have gone above and beyond their classroom requirements to also travel to PDCI one evening a week to provide a 12-week Restorative Justice gardening class.

Volunteers provided the following services/studies this past year:

Weekly Catholic mass and weekly study group
Catholic RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) training and baptism
Weekly Islamic prayer
Monthly Native American sweat lodge
Weekly Protestant worship and 4 study groups (2 groups with unique themes)
Weekly Christian choir practice and a monthly Christian praise night
Weekly Christian film night
Quarterly full-immersion Protestant baptism

Christian Special Events:

Christian Experience weekends (2)
Music worship ministries (4 groups from various states)
Prison Fellowship's Life Plan Seminar (4)
Angel Tree & Salvation Army - Christmas gift programs for inmates' children
Sports Ministry - basketball/softball (2)

Other volunteer-led programs/activities – open to all inmates:

Chapel library - 3 times a week
Weekly faith-based art
One-man Christian plays (2)
Voice Lessons
Malachi Men – 16-week program focusing on family, fatherhood, and marriage
Weekly Alcoholics Anonymous
Weekly Grief Support Group
Restorative Justice Programs and the Restorative Justice Gardening Class
Mindfulness (stress reduction group)